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Mount Pisgah Church,

Jackson County - - - Alabama,

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JOHN W. DECATUR, Clerk, Pisgah, Ala.  
WILLIAM H. HARRIS, Treasurer, Finkler, Ala.

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*PRESTON BROWN, Moderator, Hollywood Ala.*  
*JOHN T. RICHARDS, Clerk, Pisgah, Ala.*  
*MILTON ROACH, Treasurer, Fackler, Ala.*

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## Introductory.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday, September 27, 1895.

The introductory service of the Association was opened by singing No. 219, Class Choir:

Blessed promise that God has given His own,  
They at last shall find rest for their souls;  
Though the time may be long and dreary here,  
Yet sweet rest awaits you where Jordan rolls.

Prayer by P. Brown.

Singing by the Congregation:

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, oh my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past,  
Safe into the haven guide,  
Oh, receive my soul at last.

In the absence of J. L. Thompson and W. L. Crawford, (alternate,) who were elected at the last annual session of the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon, P. Brown was selected. He read from the 15th Chapter of Exodus, "Moses' song of deliverance." At the conclusion of the reading, the congregation was led in prayer by J. J. Beeson. Singing by the congregation. He selected as his text the latter clause of the 7th verse of the 17th chapter of Exodus, "And he called the name of the place Messah and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying: Is the Lord among us or not?"

1. After preaching the Association was called to order by Jno. T. Richards, Clerk, in the absence of C. B. Roach, the Moderator.

2. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by M. Hill, P. Brown was selected Moderator, pro tem., whereupon the Moderator appointed J. J. Beeson and C. T. Starkey to read the Church letters, when the following Churches responded by letter and delegates, or by letter:

- (1.) Bridgeport, no letter or delegate.
- (2.) Bethel, J. W. Matthews and L. T. Webb.
- (3.) Beech Grove, E. J. D. Kennedy.
- (4.) Center Point, J. A. Dicus, J. P. McLendon, W. O. Thorp and Samuel P. Vaughn.
- (5.) Centennial, P. A. Carlisle, B. F. Alverson and J. W. Smith.
- (6.) Cave Spring, no letter or delegate.
- (7.) Freedom, J. T. Prince.
- (8.) Friendship, Milton Roach, Judson Barber, Pleas Campbell, Pleas Coffey, J. W. Rorex and W. R. Middleton.
- (9.) Gurley, W. H. Beason and T. M. Sloan.
- (10.) Hollywood, letter but no delegate.
- (11.) Harmony, C. M. Higginbotham, J. M. Proctor.

- (12.) Larkinsville, no letter or delegate.
- (13.) Mt. Nebo, R. C. Horton, J. J. Cunningham and W. A. Howell.
- (14.) Mt. Zion, J. W. Downey, J. P. Carter and W. G. Kay.
- (15.) Mt. Tabor, J. R. Buckner, no letter.
- (16.) Mt. Pisgah, W. H. Ambrester, J. B. Ellis, C. T. Roach, C. O. Steel, Jno. Thomas and J. T. Richards.
- (17.) Mt. Ararat, letter, no delegate.
- (18.) Mt. Moriah, no letter or delegate.
- (19.) New Hope, G. W. Rorex.
- (20.) Pleasant View, Wm. Clark and J. Q. Adams.
- (21.) Scottsboro, J. M. McIver.
- (22.) Ship of Zion, T. P. Patterson, G. W. Crawford.
- (23.) Trenton, J. T. Wilburn.

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#### MINISTERIAL DELEGATES PRESENT.

P. Brown, J. J. Beeson, R. Howell, J. L. Jones, Jame McCloud, M. Hill, W. W. Lee, C. T. Starkey, G. W. Morris. Total number of delegates, 50.

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#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

##### MODERATOR, CLERK AND TREASURER.

3. On motion of Milton Roach, supported by J. J. Beeson, the election was proceeded with by ballot. The Moderator appointing tellers to receive, count and declare the result of the ballot. The tellers, after counting the ballots, reported that P. Brown was elected Moderator, Jno. T. Richards re-elected Clerk.

4. Petitionary letters were called for, when Wm. Clark came forward and presented a letter from Pleasant View, asking to become a member of the Association, and that her delegates be recognized, as a pledge of her sincerity to abide by the faith and practice of the Association.

5. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by M. Hill, the church letter was received and the delegates invited to seats; and thereupon the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from said church, bidding them welcome.

6. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. Howell, the Moderator invited corresponding messengers and visiting brethren of the same faith and order to seats with the Association, when J. L. Pace and S. C. Richards, of the Cherokee Association, and A. Sisk, of the Duck River Association, were recognized by the Moderator, and invited to seats.

#### 7. Appointment of special committees:

- (I) Religious services: The Moderator appointed the pastor,

J. J. Beeson. and deacons of Mt. Pisgah church.

(II.) Obituaries: J. J. Beeson, R. Howell and Wm. Beeson..

(III.) Finance: Milton Roach, John B. Ellis and L. T. Webb.

8. Appointment of Standing committees:

(I.) Synopsis of church letters: John T. Richards.

(II.) Associational missions: J. B. Campbell, John T. Womack and Milton Roach.

(III.) State missions: J. J. Beeson, L. B. Irvin and James Jarnagin.

(IV.) Home missions: J. M. McIver, W. W. Howard and Charles Beard.

(V.) Foreign missions: W. W. Lee, J. P. McLendon and W. O. Thorp.

(VI.) Ministerial education: Frank Bouldin, J. T. Hinshaw and L. M. Prince.

(VII.) Denominational education: C. Howell, E. J. D. Kennedy and Thomas Gattis.

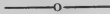
(VIII.) Temperance: R. C. Horton, W. A. Howell and B. B. Toney.

(IX.) Sunday school work: W. T. Roberts, Orville Grimmett.

(X.) Women's work: Sarah McIver, Maggie Beard and Lina Coffey.

(XI.) Religious literature: J. M. McCarroll, G. W. Warren and M. Hill.

9. At 3 o'clock p. m., on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by John B. Ellis, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock, tomorrow morning. Thirty minutes to be spent in religious services, conducted by A. Sisk. The committee on religious services announced that C. T. Starkey with M. Hill, would preach at the church at 6:30 p. m., and J. L. Pace with S. C. Richards, of the Cherokee Association, would preach at the church tomorrow at 11 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by C. T. Starkey.



## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, September 28, 1895.

Devotional exercises at 8 o'clock, were conducted by A. Sisk. The Association was called to order at 8:30 by the Moderator.

10. On motion of J. J. Beeson, J. M. McIver was appointed to assist the Clerk during the days work. J. J. Beeson then read letters from churches, which were too late to be read yesterday. They were from Mt. Ararat, Mt. Pleasant and Hollywood.

11. On motion of W. W. Lee the Moderator was instructed to invite visiting brethren to seats with us, giving him this authority at any time during the session without further motion. Brethren Jno Pitts, J. G. Denton M. C. Dean, E. N. Stone and others, whose names the Clerk failed to get, were recognized as members of the body. Ministerial delegates were then enrolled.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

P. Brown, J. J. Beeson, M. Hill, R. Howell, J. L. Jones, W. W. Lee, G. W. Morris. James McCloud, C. T. Starkey.

## LICENTIATES.

L. B. Irvin, J. T. Richards, C. T. Roach.

The following brethren were appointed to fill vacancies in standing committees, to report at this meeting:

Home missions: J. J. Beeson, James McCloud.

State missions: W. W. Lee, J. M. McIver.

Temperance: C. T. Starkey, C. Higginbotham.

12. On motion of J. J. Beeson, amended by W. W. Lee, a special memorial service in honor of Brother C. B. Roach, deceased, was appointed for two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

13. A motion was offered to select some one to preach on missionary work tomorrow at 11 o'clock. As the result of a ballot, W. W. Lee was chosen with C. T. Starkey. The matter of choosing time and place of next meeting was next taken up; no church having applied for it by letter or applicant, Scottsboro and Friendship were placed in nomination. The result of the vote was Scottsboro, 23, Friendship 22.

14. On motion of J. J. Beeson, it was decided to meet as heretofore, on Friday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1896.

15. On motion of R. Howell, supported by M. Hill, the Association proceeded to select some one to preach the Introductory Sermon at next meeting. Result of ballot, J. J. Beeson, with W. W. Lee as alternate.

16. On motion of J. M. McIver it was ordered that hereafter some one should be appointed in this connection to preach a missionary sermon at the meeting following. The Moderator appointed A. E. Burns for next session, with C. T. Roach alternate.

17. The Moderator then proceeded to call for reports from the Standing committees in their order.

First the report on Associational letters was read by the Clerk, and on motion of J. J. Beeson, without any discussion, was adopted.

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 SYNOPSIS OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Synopsis of church letters, as read by the Clerk:

1. Bridgeport: No report, no letter or delegate.

2. Beech Grove: This church has a membership of 103, has decreased 3. Reports considerable revival and church in good condition. Maintains a good Sunday school. Reports \$23.30 raised for all purposes. Pastor, C. Howell.

3. Bethel: This church reports a membership of 63, in a cold, lukewarm condition. Reports only \$1.00 for any purpose. Has no Sunday school or prayer meeting. It says, pray for us. Pastor, R. Howell.

4. Center Point: This church reports considerable improvement. It has baptized 16, received 2 by letter; total 18. It maintains a good Sunday school and prayer meeting. Its present

membership 70, in good condition. Has raised for various purposes \$34.85. Pastor, P. Brown.

5. Centennial. This church has increased 5 in membership, lost 2 by death. It has a membership of 72. Reports no Sunday school or prayer meeting. Has enjoyed a good meeting of days in their church, and the church is in a good condition, and desires that the brethren will remember her in their petitions to God. Has raised \$6.25 for various purposes. Pastor, R. Howell.

6. Cave Spring: This church made a report of 50 members last year and the church in a good condition, why it has not made any report this year I can not say.

7. Charity: This church asks for a letter of dismissal to join Liberty Association.

8. Freedom. This church has lost three members, and its membership numbers 129, it has lost two by death, has no Sunday school or prayer meeting. It reports \$30.00 for mission work, and for other purposes, \$50.00. Total, \$80.00. Pastor, Crawford Howell.

9. Friendship: This church shows improvement. It has increased three in membership, lost two by death and has a good, live Sunday school, and prayer meeting which meets weekly. It has a membership 140, contributed for mission, Orphans' Home and charitable purposes \$39.07, and for other purposes \$62.00. Total, \$101.07. This is good work. Pastor, J. J. Beeson.

10. Gurley: This church, from her report is certainly the banner church of the Association. It has increased two, has lost three by death. Has an evergreen Sunday school full of life and doing much good in its sphere, and two prayer meetings which meets weekly, one by the young men and one by the Baptist Young People's Union. Has a membership of 113, contributed for missions \$47.59, raised by Sunday school, \$37.00, for other purposes, \$615 67. Total, \$702.15. This is good work; may she continue upward and onward. Pastor, W. W. Lee.

11. Harmony: This church has a membership of 45, decreased in membership two, and keeps up a good Sunday school. The pastor has labored zealously for the Master's cause, and the church is in a very good condition. It has contributed for missions and Orphans Home \$8.25, and for other purposes \$24.43. Pastor, W. L. Crawford.

14. Hale's Cove: This church asks for letter of dismissal to join the Mt. Carmel Association.

13. Hollywood: This church has lost in its membership; reports its present membership 30. Maintains a good Sunday school and is working earnestly and faithfully for the Master's cause, has lost three by death. It has contributed, for missions \$4.00, for other purposes, \$12.50. Pastor J. J. Beeson.

14. Larkinsville: Makes no report, no letter or delegate.

15. Mt. Nebo: This church has a membership of 64, has increased two and lost one by death, it does not report any Sunday school or prayer meeting; has raised for missions \$7.57 and for

church purposes \$76.85. Church reported to be in good condition. Pastor, H. E. Rice.

16. Mt. Nebo: No letter, but was represented by J. R. Buckner.

17. Mt. Zion: It seems from its letter that this church has decreased in membership during the year. Its present membership is 61. It does not report any Sunday school or prayer meeting, nor any money raised for any purpose, in its letter and reports no regular pastor. Supply—G. W. Morris, protem.

18. Mt. Pisgah: This church has lost in membership ~~42~~ during the last year. Keeps up a Sunday school and prayer meeting which meets weekly, has contributed, for mission \$17.27, charitable purposes, \$6.50, for church purposes, \$62.00. Total \$85.88. Has a membership of 137. Working with zeal for the Master's cause, Pastor, J. J. Beeson.

19. Mt. Ararat: This church has a membership of 28, so reported by her letter, which shows a decrease from last year's report of 5. Does not report any Sunday school or prayer meeting. Her report shows that they have raised for all purposes, \$8.00. Miller Isbell, Pastor.

20. Mt. Moriah. We hear nothing from this church this year. It was received into the Association last year as a new church in a good condition; a Sunday school and prayer meeting fairly well attended. Why she does not make a report this year, we are unable to say.

21. New Hope: Has a membership of 65, reports no Sunday school or prayer meeting. Has enjoyed a good meeting of days, has received by baptism 6. Church in good condition. Her report shows that the church has raised \$17.50 for all purposes. Asks the prayers of the brethren. Supply, D. S. Collins.

22. Pleasant View: This is a new church with a membership of 14. Asks the prayers and sympathy of the brethren that she may become a bright and shining light, and a zealous worker for the Master's cause. Reports only \$1.45. Pastor, M. C. Dean.

23. Ship of Zion: This church shows by her letter that she has enjoyed a good meeting of days, and increased in membership 8. Church greatly revived. Has contributed \$20.75 for missions and other purposes. Pastor, M. Hill.

24. Scottsboro. This church has a membership of 48, having decreased 15 in membership during the last year. Maintains a good Sunday school and prayer meeting. Has enjoyed a good meeting of days, and the church greatly revived. Has contributed for missions and orphanage \$24.30, for other church purposes \$253.85; a little over \$5 per capita. Good work. Pastor, W. W. Lee.

25. Trenton: This church has decreased in membership 2. Its present membership, 41, makes no report of any Sunday school or prayer meeting, or of having raised or contributed money for any purpose. It says pray for us, that God may bless us as a church. Supply, J. L. Jones.

Pleasant Mount asks for a letter of dismissal from this Association, to join the Mt. Carmel Association.

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This report shows regularly appointed delegates 68, ministerial delegates 9; total 77. The increase in membership appears to be 52. However, there seems to be some irregularities that may increase or decrease the above figures. The amount of money raised during the year as reported for missions, appears to be \$166.07, and for all purposes \$1,281.06; total \$1,447.16. It is the opinion of the Clerk, that a much larger sum has been raised for all purposes, but inattention of some one, it does not find its way into the letters, and thereby does great injustice to the membership. I would suggest that the brethren be more careful about this matter; if it is worth doing, why not attend to it carefully. Give it your attention and gather up all matters of interest. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. T. RICHARDS.

18. The Moderator next called for the report on Foreign Missions. The report being ready, was read by J. M. McIver, Chairman:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator, and Brethren:

Your Committee beg to report as follows:

Progress, growth, expansion is proclaimed by every phenomenon of the universe—is written everywhere. Every star in the great depth calls perpetually, "come up higher"—every rock-ribbed hill side is a written page in the ode to development; every crash in the affairs of nations proclaims new liberty and growth somewhere. Every line of the Bible, every breath from the life of Christ is fraught with the idea "Go into all the world and preach"—make the world better. Are there men in this age with the Bible before them, and cultured minds capable of catching the spirit of Christ, who will say "Let the heathen alone, the Lord will take care of him?" No, there is no Christ in that. All His soul reached out continually after the utmost parts of the earth. The charity that begins at home, generally stays at home, because it is too weak to get away; indeed it is no charity. Every time we open up our souls and give something out, we increase our capacity to receive something and to benefit those about us. The charity that does most at home is the charity that counts a part of every effort for Japan, China, Mexico, and where you will on the green earth. Will it take argument here to persuade men that they ought to do for Christ in all lands? No, all admit that it ought to be done. But we are not doing. I dislike to speak of the failure of enterprises; delight always to say up and away, let the dead past bury its dead, and will say that now. But here is a fact, our Association gave to foreign missions last year \$56.39, \$1.76 per church, three and a half cents apiece per year. There is something wrong somewhere, whose fault is this? Men do as they are taught—follow their lead-

ers. How are our pastors teaching the people? Shall we judge by the report as shown in our last minutes? Not long since I heard it intimated in a report on this same subject, that the preachers would not preach missions because they were afraid it would hurt their salaries. That cannot be so in our bounds, if it is anywhere, for the last year there was not one good pastor's salary paid by the whole Association. This report lays no blame on any man or class, but merely proposes a question to get at the solution of this problem. How can we bring up the churches to the help of the Lord in this matter? We call on the ministers and members of the churches of this body to redouble their efforts during the next year that this cause may not lag and fail. We recommend that each church make an effort to raise at least ten cents per capita by the next session. Pastors, get the Foreign Mission Journal, read it and get your people to read it. Write to Brother Compton for it. We recommend that money raised by any church be sent immediately to Brother Compton or Brother Burns, who have charge of all mission work for the state. Do this and keep the business straight, and have your money do the most good possible. We recommend the adoption of some system in taking collections for this cause. The envelope system is the best we know. We recommend that every pastor preach at least one mission sermon during the year, and take special collection at the same for this cause. We recommend that the Moderator of this body be instructed to appoint a campaign committee which shall inaugurate and execute under the direction of Brother Burns, a mission campaign, visiting every church in the Association, asking the co-operation of the pastors. We recommend that this body always co-operate with the state board. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. McIVER,  
W. W. HOWARD,  
J. M. CARD.

This report was discussed by J. M. Iver, J. J. Beeson and W. W. Lee, and after a few remarks by the Moderator, was adopted by a rising vote

19. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by J. M. McIVER, the Association adjourned for preaching, according to appointment, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Congregation called together by singing:

Alas and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sovereign die;  
Would He devote that sacred head,  
For such a worm as I.

Services conducted by J. L. Pace and S. C. Richards, of the Cherokee Association. Scripture read, First John, First chapter. Text, First verse Third chapter of First John. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." At the conclusion of the services the congregation sang

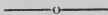
How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent word;  
 What more can He say, than to you he has said,  
 You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

20. After singing, the Moderator called the Association to order, and proceeded with the business of the body.

21. Report on Home Missions called for, but the committee not being ready to report, on motion, was passed for the present

22. Report on State Missions not being ready, on motion, the committee was granted further time.

23. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by A. Sisk, the Association adjourned until 4 p. m. Benediction by C. T. Starkey.



SATURDAY EVENING, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

September 28, 1895.

24. Association met according to adjournment. Singing by congregation, prayer by G. W. Morris.

25. Report on Ministerial Education was called for by the Moderator. The reports being ready, were read by J. J. Beeson. Two excellent reports on this subject were submitted, one by Pleas Coffey, and one by Pleas Campbell. These reports were discussed by C. T. Starkey, Milton Roach, J. J. Beeson, A. Sisk, and the Moderator, P. Brown. After the discussion of the question, on motion of J. J. Beeson, both reports were adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to have both reports printed in the minutes.



#### REPORT OF PLEASANT CAMPBELL.

It is very necessary that doctors, lawyers, teachers, and all who follow such occupations, should have an education. But even more so for a man who preaches the word of God; and as God called him like Aaron of old, to this, the greatest and most important of all work ever done by man, he should be more properly educated than all others, because if this world is ever brought to Christ it will be through the unanimous and long continued efforts of men who are striving daily to improve their talents, that they may preach Christ's word throughout His kingdom. Oh! this work of saving the people of our country, how few appreciate what it is. Your committee has noticed that the chief characteristics of those who are successful in this great work, are that they know their Bibles. And in order that many of those whose souls are filled with the great desire to preach the Gospel to the lost, may be better qualified for this great and all important work, they should have a correct knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and other studies. And as a matter of course they should attend schools, colleges and seminaries, where they will be carefully instructed by the most conservative and learned ministers of the Gospel. It may be that some

of these have not the means of educating themselves; if so, your committee believes it the Christian duty of every Baptist to do all in his power for such a one; that the perfume of Christ's name, like the perfume of sweetest flowers, may be wafted around the earth, until the wilderness of sin be converted into a beautiful garden, and the round earth into one great land of immortality laid against the warm heart of God. Respectfully submitted.

PLEASANT CAMPBELL.

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### REPORT OF PLEASANT COFFEY.

26. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. A man must know something to show before he stands before a nineteenth century audience, to teach and lead men. While there are dark corners—"back-woods"—where ignorance, prejudice and superstition reign, and people are to be guided by appealing to these properties of mind and heart, and by loud talking as though God were asleep and all men deaf, there will be a place and a work for the uneducated preacher.

But how can the "blind lead the blind?" Monarchs change and monarchies—how all things change"—So we find ourselves newly environed today, and must adapt ourselves or bring distress and woe to ourselves and our cause. The molding feature in this new era, is the advance learning. Little learning is what makes men mad. The preacher who knows nothing of science, has an idea, vague as darkness, that science opposes the Bible, and proceeds to call down wrath on science. The public speaker today must address an audience of scientists, and naught but scientific methods will reach them. They know at once that these broad assertions are unfounded, and so doubt the whole mission of the preacher. And who is to blame? The scientists' mind was open to receive the truth, and there was nothing given; so he goes away worse than he came. These are the conditions that our denomination must be prepared, through its ministers to meet. A thoroughly educated ministry is the only force under Heaven, adequate to stand the strain and guide us safely.

The first requisite, is of course, a consecrated life. Find the young man in your bounds, or out of it, who is called of God to preach, and then put him in some of our schools and educate him. Send him to Scottsboro or Howard college, and when he has graduated, send him to the Seminary at Louisville. He will be a more humble Christian when he gets through, because he will have learned how far he is from knowing all things, and he will then have on the armor fit for service. This report, is in no wise a slur at those noble, earnest Christian gentlemen, who labored so earnestly and successfully in our body, but had no education; things were different when they grew up, and they had not the chance nor so much need of education. They have done noble service, and

their day is not done yet, for thank God, many of them are growing as fast as the march of progress, and keep even with our advancement. These have the best education—common sense, and trust in God.

Respectfully submitted.

PLEASANT COFFEY.

27. Report on Ministerial Relief was next called. The committee not being present, on motion of J. J. Beeson, the report was passed for the present.

28. Report on Temperance was next called. The committee not being ready to make a report, asked that further time be given them to make a report, which, on motion of M. Hill, was granted.

29. The report on Sunday Schools, by motion, was postponed until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

30. Report on Periodicals was next called. The report being ready, was read by J. J. Beeson. Discussed by J. J. Beeson, Milton Roach and C. T. Starkey, and on motion of Milton Roach, supported by R. Howell, was adopted.

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#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals, would submit the following: The importance of every family being supplied with good, wholesome literature is so apparent to your committee, that we urge the necessity upon all to take and read at least one good religious newspaper. As the Alabama Baptist is just such a paper, and is the organ of the Baptists of Alabama, furnishing us with the doings of our brethren throughout the state, and a correct knowledge of our missionary and educational enterprises, we, therefore, ask our brethren to take and read it. We will thereby keep in touch with our brethren and in sympathy with our general work.

We recommend to our Sunday schools, the publications of our Southern Baptist Convention, and those of the American Baptist Publication Society. We also urge the importance of taking our Missionary Journal, which is filled with information in regard to our home and foreign missionaries. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. BEESON,

P. BROWN,

J. J. CUNNINGHAM.

31. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. Howell, the Association adjourned until after preaching tonight. Preaching at 6:30 by A. Sisk, followed by J. G. Denton.

32. After preaching the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Denominational Education being ready, was read by W. W. Lee, and discussed by W. W. Lee, J. J. Beeson, J. M. McIver and C. T. Starkey; and on motion of C. T. Starkey, supported by J. M. McIver, adopted.

## REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your committee submit the following:

The subject of denominational education was the one that first caused our pioneer preachers to form our state convention. This, too, has called forth the most heroic struggles of the men whose names are interwoven with our history as a denomination. The prosperity of our schools has ever been the thermometer by which we could measure our prosperity as a denomination. The strength of the Baptist of Alabama today, is due to the Howard and Judson. These schools have for more than half a century stood as the bulwark of strength, and the rallying point of the Baptists. The Howard has given us our best men, both for the pulpit and the pew. Those who would not have their children taught error and surrounded by untold temptations, to intemperance and every worldly and sinful indulgence, will be careful about sending their children to state schools. The school in some sense takes the place of home. The ideas imbibed at school become a part of the person and influences the character forever. In non-denominational schools the Bible cannot be taught. Should not the Bible be an essential part of an education? At the Howard the Bible is taught as a text book, and oh, how our young men need such training. There too, we have a faculty of the most godly men, whose prayers and influence are the safe-guard of the boys committed to them. We should patronize the Howard as a matter of loyalty, as well as the superior advantages it offers. The Judson Institute, with Dr. S. W. Averette president, located at Marion, Ala., stands at the top among denominational schools. The college is well equipped, and has a faculty that is unsurpassed. The influences that are brought to bear upon students, are of the very best, religiously, morally, socially and intellectually. Her Alumnae have been the strength and stay of our church and boards. Their culture is of the highest—they may be known in every gathering by their superior culture. It is worthy of our support, and should be a source of pride to all our hearts.

But grandest and greatest of all our institutions is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. It was established in 1859, by Broadus, Boyce, Manly and Williams. Through the sacrifices and prayer of these men and the blessings of God, we now have the largest theological seminary in America, and the best in the world. Its corps of teachers are truly great and good men. The advantages it offers are the best. It is well endowed and no one should stay away from it because of the lack of funds. Its curriculum is so arranged that men with only a moderate English education can take a course that will fit them for work in the Master's kingdom, while it offers to the college graduate the best advantages for pursuing his utmost researches. Alabama should send three times as many men to the school as it does. Last year we had only eight there. There are men here who ought to go to the seminary.

their day is not done yet, for thank God, many of them are growing as fast as the march of progress, and keep even with our advancement. These have the best education—common sense, and trust in God.

Respectfully submitted.

PLEASANT COFFEY.

27. Report on Ministerial Relief was next called. The committee not being present, on motion of J. J. Beeson, the report was passed for the present.

28. Report on Temperance was next called. The committee not being ready to make a report, asked that further time be given them to make a report, which, on motion of M. Hill, was granted.

29. The report on Sunday Schools, by motion, was postponed until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

30. Report on Periodicals was next called. The report being ready, was read by J. J. Beeson. Discussed by J. J. Beeson, Milton Roach and C. T. Starkey, and on motion of Milton Roach, supported by R. Howell, was adopted.

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#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals, would submit the following: The importance of every family being supplied with good, wholesome literature is so apparent to your committee, that we urge the necessity upon all to take and read at least one good religious newspaper. As the Alabama Baptist is just such a paper, and is the organ of the Baptists of Alabama, furnishing us with the doings of our brethren throughout the state, and a correct knowledge of our missionary and educational enterprises, we, therefore, ask our brethren to take and read it. We will thereby keep in touch with our brethren and in sympathy with our general work.

We recommend to our Sunday schools, the publications of our Southern Baptist Convention, and those of the American Baptist Publication Society. We also urge the importance of taking our Missionary Journal, which is filled with information in regard to our home and foreign missionaries. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. BEESON.

P. BROWN,

J. J. CUNNINGHAM.

31. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. Howell, the Association adjourned until after preaching tonight. Preaching at 6:30 by A. Sisk, followed by J. G. Denton.

32. After preaching the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Denominational Education being ready, was read by W. W. Lee, and discussed by W. W. Lee, J. J. Beeson, J. M. McIver and C. T. Starkey; and on motion of C. T. Starkey, supported by J. M. McIver, adopted.

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Let us cherish and pray for this greatest of all God's blessings to Southern Baptists. In conclusion, we would call attention to the Pisgah High School, presided over by Rev. J. J. Beeson, which, though not denominational, has many of the advantages of a denominational school. Respectfully submitted.

W. W. LEE,  
MILTON ROACH,  
JAMES JARNAGIN.

33. The report on Women's Work being ready, was read by W. W. Lee. After the discussion of the question, C. T. Starkey moved that the report be adopted.

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### REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

We your committee submit the following:

As far as we have been able to learn, the ladies have not done what they should in this work. We find no report in the minutes, and the letters sent up this session report only two mission societies within our Association. While this is true, we hope and believe that our ladies are becoming more interested, and that the day will soon come when they will realize that there is a work for them, and that they will awake from their seeming indifference and neglect of their great work. And in behalf of the ladies, as an incentive, and by way of encouragement, we bespeak the co-operation of the ministers; without their aid and sympathy, we can do but little. Therefore, let us urge upon the pastors in our Association, to call a special meeting in their churches, and make an earnest appeal to the ladies in behalf of mission work, and if possible, have them to organize themselves for systematic, regular work. The society at Scottsboro was organized in July, and at present there are twenty-one members. For missions and all purposes they have raised during that time about \$15. The society at Gurlev church has been organized for some time, and has done good work. Why not others do the same? Respectfully submitted.

HETTIE BEESON.  
SALLIE F. MCIVER,  
THULU B. ROACH.

34. On motion of J. J. Beeson the Association adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Benediction by A. Sisk.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sunday, September 29, 1895.

Association met according to adjournment, called to order by the Moderator. A short time was devoted to religious services,

after which the report on Sunday School Work was called for and read by John T. Richards. On motion of J. M. McIver, adopted. Discussed by W. W. Lee, P. W. Sutherland, J. J. Beeson and J. M. McIver. The discussion was quite interesting, and a great many facts were brought out along the line of Sunday School work.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

We your committee submit the following:

Dear Brethren: The great importance of this branch or department of church work cannot be overestimated. The instruction of our children in the Scriptures becomes our sacred duty, not only because God requires it of us as Christians, but also from that impulse awakened in the renewed heart by impulse of the Holy Spirit. What Christian parent does not desire the salvation of his children, and is not willing to employ any and all laudable means to accomplish that result? But it seems to your committee that Sunday Schools are looked upon by the churches with the same indifference with which nearly every other department of the church work is regarded. In proof of this we sadly refer you to the reports of the churches through their letters. Out of 31 or 32 churches, which compose the Tennessee River Association, only 6 report any Sunday schools. Oh! what a sad commentary. Dear Brethren, while this neglect is going on in our midst, what is becoming of the minds and morals of our children? Brethren, are we doing our duty as Christians? Are our lights shining brilliant, that others may see our good works? Who is to blame for this great neglect? Is it the children? Is it the young men and women? We answer nay, for we find them always ready to help in this great work. Jesus said, when He had gathered the little children, and took them into His arms, "Suffer it to be so, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." Then why are we, as professed followers of Christ, so blind to the great results which have been achieved in other sections, and might be here amongst us, if we would go to work and discharge the duties we owe to God, and our children? Brethren, shall things go on at this rate? God forbid. We your committee would beg of you that you take this all important subject into prayerful consideration, and endeavor by the help of God, to organize Sunday schools in every church in our bounds. Search the Scriptures as they point out to us the way of happiness. May God's gracious spirit touch this natural cord of sympathy and love in all our hearts, and awaken us up to the fearful responsibilities of bringing up children, and of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In the opinion of your committee, there is scarcely a better, safer way to do this than through the influence and means presented by the ordinary Sunday school. Your committee thus impressed, do most earnestly recommend this important subject to the earnest, candid,

prayerful attention of each and every church within the bounds of the Tennessee River Association. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. RICHARDS,  
JAMES MATTHEWS.

35. At 10:30 a motion was offered by J. J. Beeson, supported by R. Howell, that this Association adjourn for preaching at 11 o'clock. Services at the church were conducted by W. W. Lee with C. T. Starkey.

Singing by the congregation:

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word;  
That more can he say, than to you he has said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

Brother W. W. Lee read from the 3d Chapter of Acts.

Prayer by L. Brown.

Singing by the congregation:

When I can read my title clear,  
To mansions in the skies;  
I'll bid farewell to every fear,  
And wipe my weeping eyes.

Subject: Witness for Jesus.

He selected as his text Acts 1: 8. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The sermon was well timed, and forcibly impressed by the speaker, and was well received by the delegates and was enjoyed fully by the large audience. He was followed by C. T. Starkey in a short address upon the same subject, urging the brethren of our churches in the bounds of our Association to work and contribute of our means for the promotion of our Master's cause. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for foreign mission work. Amount collected, \$20.50. After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator, the services of the hour closed until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by G. W. Morris.

36. The Association met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Song by the congregation:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Prayer by R. Howell.

37. Report on Obituaries submitted by J. J. Beeson, and on motion of M. Hill, was adopted.

## REPORT.

We, your committee on Obituaries, find from the church letters, 18 deaths reported since our last meeting, to wit:

Bethel, one—name not given.

Centenial, two—Ellen and Elizabeth Carlisle.

Freedom, two—F. R. Grimmett and W. H. Reid.

Gurfey, three—Louis J. Tipton, W. H. Zachary and S. H. Shackelford.

Hale's Cove, three—names not given.

Hollywood, three—Rev. C. B. Roach, Rebecca Brown and Catherine Sharp.

Friendship, two—John Rorex and Sallie Estes.

Mr. Nebo, one—Mrs. J. A. B. Padgett.

Scottsboro, one—Green A. Beard.

Dear Brethren, several of our best brethren and sisters are gone from earth, and we must soon follow, let us therefore be ready. We offer our condolence and sympathy to the bereaved, and say: "Sorrow not as those who have no hope," for if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, then also, who sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

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SPECIAL ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren: Since the last annual meeting of our beloved body, the messenger of death has been in our midst, and among the number struck down thereby, is one of our ablest ministers of the gospel, Rev. Chas. B. Roach. He has been removed from his field of labor on earth to his reward with the redeemed. In looking over the assembled delegation today, we painfully miss the familiar face of our beloved and highly esteemed brother, Chas. B. Roach; and his vacant seat reminds us sadly of his final departure, never more to return to our annual meetings. While we are again here in session, he is with his own father, and brethren Bryant, Howell, Taliaferro, Bruce, Manning, Derrick, Castiller, Horton, and many others, with whom on earth he labored and worshipped, and he is in that Association over which Christ presides, and which will never stand adjourned. We miss him here, but they joyfully greet him over there.

Brother Roach was a native of this county, and loved his country and people. He was born May 16th, 1834, and died June 4th, 1895, aged 61 years and 18 days. He professed religion when a small boy, and while attending school at Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where he was educated, joined the Baptist church of that place, in September or October, 1868. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel at Friendship church, this county and state, by a presbytery, consisting of Bailly Bruce, —Sew-

ard, G. A. Moring and J. J. Beeson, all of whom, except J. J. Beeson, preceded him to the better world. As a minister, Brother Roach was able, earnest and zealous, and labored as long as he was able, in fact he preached until he completely broke down. His disease was throat and lung trouble, which was, no doubt aggravated, and his death hastened by his zeal for the cause of Christ, and the salvation of sinners. Most of his ministerial work was done within the bounds of this Association and he contributed his part in making it what it is. He was a strong gospel preacher; and while his preaching was mainly directed to the church, yet there are but few who can appeal to the sinner with more force than he did. But alas, he is gone from among us, yet in our memories he shall live till God shall call us home. May our Father in Heaven, comfort the bereaved ones, and help each one to so live, that when his last moments come, he may be enabled, like our departed brother, to say "glory."

P. BROWN,  
J. J. BEESON.

Quite a number of brethren participated in the memorial services of the hour. At 4:30 p. m., on motion of C. T. Starkey, supported by A. Sisk, the Association adjourned.

Preaching at 6:30 p. m., by R. Howell, followed by G. W. Morris. M. Hill and A. Sisk preached at Gray's Bluff, at night.

Promptly at the hour of 6:30 the congregation met for preaching. Song, "All to Thee," No. 199, Class Choir.

R Howell read from the 4th chapter of St. Luke.

Prayer by R. Howell.

Song by the congregation, "Will the Waters Be Chilly, etc."

Text, Luke 14: 17. "And sent his servant at suppertime to say to those that were bidden, come for all things are ready." The services of the hour were edifying, and the brethren preached good, practical sermons, which were enjoyed by the large audience. After singing, the congregation was led in prayer by L. B. Irvin. Benediction by P. Brown.

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#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday, September 30, 1895.

Association met according to adjournment. After spending half an hour in religious services, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who proceeded to call for reports from special and standing committees, who have not as yet made their reports.

The report on State Missions was first called, which was read by W. W. Lee: which, on motion of C. T. Starkey, supported by Milton Roach, was adopted. The report was discussed with deep earnestness by W. W. Lee, J. J. Beeson, C. T. Starkey, M. Hill, A. Sisk and R. Howell, all which was quite interesting and instructive.

## REPORT, AS READ BY W. W. LEE.

Your committee submits the following :

Our State Mission board is the result of three quarters of a century of experience. Its success in prosecuting mission work has been so great that a large number of the states of the south have adopted our plan, known as the "Alabama plan." This plan is to have only one board in the state into whose care is committed all the mission work of the state. This includes the collection and distribution of all missions—foreign, home, state, etc. Our present board has been indeed faithful and wonderfully successful in all its work. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, at Montgomery, is our efficient corresponding secretary. We have three evangelists in the field—Rev. S. O. Ray, in South Alabama, Rev. A. E. Burns, in the Tennessee valley, and Rev. J. H. Glenn, in the central part of the state. These men have done a noble work. We would call special attention to the report of Rev. A. E. Burns, in our own, and adjoining Associations. Besides these men, the board has employed pastors in destitute places, where they have established churches which are rapidly becoming self-sustaining. They have also assisted weak churches to keep pastors, and these too are soon able to more than return all the money given them. Many thus helped in the past are now our ablest contributors. But there are still many places in our state which have no Baptist preaching at all, and the board has all it can do unless we do more than we are doing to help them. In our own Association is Bridgeport, that should have a really strong man for all his time, and this cannot be unless the board helps them. We should have preaching at Paint Rock, Woodville and Stevenson, by all means. Athens is a town of more than 2,000 population, and has no Baptist preaching at all. This should not be, and we are the ones to have things changed. Besides this work, our board helped to support nineteen young men at Howard College, and six at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This work, of itself, should commend the board to our hearty support. For better accomplishing the work, your committee recommends: First: That the pastor of each church be requested to preach at least once during the year on the subject of State Missions. Second: That monthly collections be taken for missions. That the clerk of the churches be requested to forward at once whatever is collected, whether much or little, to W. B. Crumpton. Fourth: That the churches be requested to use the envelope system in their collections.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. W. LEE, Chairman.

The report on Home Missions was called for, and the committee being ready to report, the report was read by J. J. Beeson. After the discussion of the report by J. J. Beeson, W. W. Lee and C. T. Starkey, it was adopted.

## REPORT AS READ BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

As we have had so little time, we cannot do the subject justice. The Home Mission Board has for its object, to supply with the gospel:

1. The foreign population within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. In all our large cities on the coasts, hundreds of foreigners are constantly landing, many of them are poor, and as strangers are abashed and confused by the manners, customs and language of the American people, the board, in addition to having some one to preach to them in their own language, has in Baltimore, a German lady, who meets them with words of cheer, and tracts and testaments, all German, and directs them to the church where they can go and hear the gospel preached in their own mother tongue by one of their own countrymen. What a blessing it would be to poor foreigners, if in every city we could have churches and faithful ones thus working for their salvation.

2. The negroes of the Southern states and territories, something is being done for them; but for want of time and opportunity, we cannot furnish statistics. This is a department of the board's work that all Southern Christians ought to feel a deep interest in; from the fact that they are among us to stay.

3. Our Secretary says: After all our greatest mission field, both as to members and importance, and as to the results that must follow their evangelization, is found among our native white population. Many of our people in some of the large cities of our Southland, are poor, wretched, and without church privileges; and some of those in the country districts are sadly in need of help, and while much is being done, yet we ought to do more.

4. There are numbers of missionaries laboring among the Indians in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, with gratifying results; and yet more ought to be done for their salvation and evangelization.

5. Wonderful has been the progress of the gospel on the island of Cuba. The work has been somewhat retarded by the war which has been, and is still going on there. Yet our ministers of the gospel and churches are laboring faithfully and manfully for the Master, and success is attesting their efforts. Let us, dear brethren, do what we can for the Home Mission Board. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

Report on Temperance was next called, and read by C. T. Starkey. And after the discussion of the question by C. T. Starkey, J. J. Beeson, W. W. Lee and others, on motion of W. W. Lee, adopted.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following :

Paul, in the judgement hall, reasoned of Temperance with the people of that age. Solomon said: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Our Savior said: "Touch not, taste not, handle not," etc. One said: "Take the reptile not into your arms, nor fondle it in your bosom." These admonitions all come from the spirit of light. We insist that we, as a body, pray that the time may soon come when our people shall look upon intoxicating drinks as a viper. We, in conclusion, recommend the temperate use of all things, and total abstinence from all things not necessary. Respectfully submitted.

C. T. STARKEY, Chairman.

Report on Associational Missions was next called, and read by C. T. Roach, and after a short talk by a few of the brethren on the subject, on motion of R. Howell, supported by C. T. Starkey, adopted.

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 REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report: \*

We believe the gospel to be the grandest mission that man ever received, and that it is our indispensable duty to send it to all the nations of earth; yet we must not forget the destitution within the bounds of our Association. The reports along this line of work for this associational year, are quite meager. Brother P. Brown reports nine sermons delivered, six days spent in the work, and forty miles traveled. Brother J. J. Beeson reports more than two weeks spent in the work, fourteen sermons delivered, paid out \$1.00, received 50 cents, traveled one hundred miles. Only two of the whole number of ordained ministers reported. If all had reported to us, we would have had a very interesting report to submit. If the brethren just understood themselves, and would come up like men and report what they have done during the year, we would get the best part of the work reported. Why not do this brethren?

- Respectfully submitted.

C. T. ROACH.

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 REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The committee on Finance submitted the following :

We, your committee, find that the churches have contributed for printing minutes, the following amounts:

Beech Grove, 85c.; Bridgeport, —; Bethel, \$1.00; Centen-

ial, \$1.10; Center Point, \$1.45; Freedom, \$1.50; Friendship, \$2.00; Gurley, \$1.80; Harmony, \$1.00; Hollywood, \$1.00; Larkinsville, —; Mt. Nebo, \$1.85; Mt. Pisgah, \$2.00; Mt. Ararat, 50c.; New Hope, \$1.00; Scottsboro, \$1.50; Ship of Zion, 75c. Trenton, 75c., Pleasant View, 45c.; Mt. Tabor, 75c.; Mt. Zion, 65. Total, \$21.90.

Brother J. J. Beeson moved that a special collection of ten dollars be taken up for minutes and expenses, which was carried, and the amount soon raised. Respectfully submitted.

MILTON ROACH, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

1894. Dec. 17. 1895.	To am't. from Friendship church, State Mission	\$ 5.61
Apr. 21.	" " " " " Home and Foreign Missions	13.80
May 19.	" " " " " C. B. Roach	5.01
July 31.	" " " " " State Missions	5.98
" 31.	" " " " " Orphanage	5.00
Sep. 29.	" " " " " Home and Foreign Missions	5.72
" 30	" " " " " State Mission	8.05
July 31.	" " " " " Harmony	8.00
" "	" " " " " Ship of Zion	.95
" "	" " " " " Hollywood	1.47
" "	" " " " " Bethel	3.50
" "	" " " " " New Hope	.75
" "	" " " " " Cave Spring	1.15
" "	" " " " " Centennial	1.95
" "	" " " " " P't. Grove	4.25
" "	" " " " " Bridgeport	2.41
" "	" " " " " Stevenson	2.15
" "	" " " " " Center Point	4.00
Sep. 30.	" " " " " Larkinsville	5.00
" "	" " " " " Mt. Nebo	3.00
" "	" " " " " P't. View	1.00
" "	" " " " " Sunday Col. at Ass'n. at Pisgah	20.51
" "	" " " " " Larkinsville Church	4.00
Total.....		\$107.11

### CREDIT.

1894. Dec. 19. 1895.	By am't. for'd. to W. B. Crampton	\$ 5.61
Apr. 22.	By am't. for'd. to W. B. Crampton	13.80
May 19.	" " " " " C. B. Roach	5.01
July 31.	" " " " " A. E. Burns	40.98
Sep. 30.	" " " " " W. B. Crampton	5.72
Oct. 2.	" " " " " "	32.51
" "	" " " " " "	4.00
Total.....		\$107.11

Respectfully submitted.

MILTON ROACH, Treasurer.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

1. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by W. W. Lee, the Moderator, P. Brown, was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. J. Beeson as alternate. Said convention meeting in the month of May, 1896, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

2. J. J. Beeson offered a motion that all the words after As-

sociational Mission in the standing committee list, be stricken out. Motion adopted.

3. On motion of J. J. Beeson, queries No. 12, was stricken out.

4. Motion was offered by J. J. Beeson that the words "Bible" and "Colportage," (No. 13,) in the standing committee list, be stricken out, and insert the words, "Religious Literature." Motion adopted.

5. A motion was offered that the churches known as Charity, Pleasant Mount, Hale's Cove and Union, be granted letters of dismissal, and the Clerk instructed to write and forward them as soon as practicable. Motion adopted.

6. As the election of Treasurer for the Associational year had been overlooked at the election on Friday for Moderator and Clerk, on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by C. T. Starkey, Milton Roach was unanimously elected Treasurer of this Association by a rising vote.

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### RESOLUTIONS.

1. On motion of W. W. Lee, supported by R. Howell, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to arrange for a minister's and deacon's meeting to be held within the bounds of the Association.

The Moderator appointed J. J. Beeson, W. W. Lee and Milton Roach.

The committee met and decided to meet with the Friendship church, at Fackler, on Friday before the first fifth Sunday in 1896.

2. On motion of W. W. Lee, supported by M. Hill, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this body express our hearty thanks to this church and community for their bounteous hospitality and kindness shown the delegates composing this body, during our sitting with them.

3. On motion of W. W. Lee, supported by G. W. Morris, the following resolution was adopted:

That we now return our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for the faithful work done by them during the session.

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by C. T. Roach, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Mt. Pisgah church tender to the delegates and visitors, our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and good behavior while in our midst, and pray God's blessings on them.

2. Resolved, That we are greatly strengthened and benefited by the meeting of this body with us.

5. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by M. Hill, the fol-

lowing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association send delegates to the Mount Carmel, North Liberty, Cherokee and Duck River Associations. A motion was offered calling for volunteers, when the following responded: North Liberty, W. W. Lee, J. J. Beeson; Mt. Carmel, M. Hill, L. T. Webb; Cherokee, L. B. Irwin, J. J. Beeson; Duck River, R. C. Horton, R. Howell.

6. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. Howell, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet with the Scottsboro church on Friday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1896.

Prayer by J. J. Beeson, benediction by the Moderator, and the Association stood adjourned.

P. BROWN, Moderator.

JNO. T. RICHARDS, Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

P. Brown, Moderator, Hollywood, Ala.

Jno. T. Richards, Clerk, Pisgah, Ala.

Beeson J. J., Pisgah, Ala.

Coulson L. C., Scottsboro, Ala.

Collins D. S., Narrows, Ala.

Crawford W. L., Maynard's Cove, Ala.

Howell R., Stevenson, Ala.

Hastings G. W., Larkinsville, Ala.

Higginbotham R. M., Mud Creek, Ala.

Isbell M., Limrock, Ala.

Isbell J. W., Limrock, Ala.

Jones J. L., Paint Rock, Ala.

Knight J. L., Coffey's Store, Ala.

Knight M., Holly Tree, Ala.

Lee W. W., Scottsboro, Ala.

Morris G. W., Kirby's Creek, Ala.

McCloud Jas., Pisgah, Ala.

Pigg W. A., Paint Rock, Ala.

Hill M., Scottsboro, Ala.

Sloan L. W., Gurley, Ala.

Starkey C. T., Attalla, Ala.

Woodall L. W., Gurley, Ala.

Taken all in all, we think the session a very profitable one. We are glad to say that the Association made a better showing on missions than last year, and all seemed to be satisfied on that line. For all we pray the direction of the Master's spirit in this and all things else, that his name may be glorified upon the earth.

P. BROWN, Moderator.

JNO. T. RICHARDS, Clerk.

# Statistics of the Tennessee River Baptist Association for the Year 1895.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	Membership Last Report.	Increase By				Decrease by				Present Membership.	Sunday School.			SUPERINTENDENT'S NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meetings.	Reports Revivals.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Vouchers.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.		Death.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.					Average Attendance.
Beech Grove	Jackson Co., Ala.	C. Howell	T. A. Gattis	Francisco, Ala.	106	6	1				3	7		103		32		N. J. Gattis, Francisco, Ala.	2		Revival	
Bridgeport	" " "	"	"	"	58									58				"				
Bethel	" " "	R. Howell	W. F. Webb	"	69						1		1	68				"				
Centennial	" " "	R. Howell	W. M. Chandler	Bass Station Ala.	67	15	2				4	6	2	70				"	4		Revival	
Center Point	" " "	P. Brown	W. O. Thorp	Scottsboro, "	54	16								70	4		31	J. P. McClendon, Scottsboro, Ala.		1	Revival	
Cave Spring	" " "	"	"	"	50									50				"				
Freedom	" " "	C. Howell	J. T. Prince	Estill Fork, Ala.	134	4				1	6		2	134				"				
Friendship	" " "	J. J. Beeson	J. B. Campbell	Fackler, "	136	5	3	1			1	3	2	136				A. P. Womack, Fackler, Ala.	2		1 Revival	
Gurley	Madison " "	W. W. Lee	W. T. Roberts	Gurley, "	111	10	3				8		3	107	12	85	60	W. T. Roberts, Gurley, Ala.	2 & 4		2	
Harmony	Jackson " "	W. L. Crawford	Jno. G. Sanders	Mud Creek, "	47						2			45	Reports	Sunday School		R. M. Higginbotham, Mud Creek, Ala.				
Hollywood	" " "	J. J. Beeson	J. F. McCarrell	Hollywood, "	40						4	1	3	39				Dr. McClendon, Hollywood, Ala.	2			
Larkinsville	" " "	"	"	"	15									15				"				
M't. Nebo	" " "	H. E. Rice	W. F. Cunningham	Holly Tree, Ala.	62	3							1	64				"				
M't. Zion	" " "	"	J. B. Carter	"	76	1				1	10			67				"				
M't. Tabor	" " "	"	"	"														"				
M't. Pisgah	" " "	J. J. Beeson	Jno. T. Richards	Pisgah, Ala.	144		5				9	3		137	5	68	37	Jno. T. Richards, Pisgah, Ala.	4		1 Revival	
M't. Ararat	" " "	W. A. Pigg	W. P. Culver	Limrock, "	31							3		28				"				
M't. Moriah	" " "	"	"	"	10									10				"				
New Hope	" " "	D. S. Collins	J. F. Terry	Bloomington, Ala.	73	6					4	2	1	78				"	2		Revival	
Scottsboro	" " "	W. W. Lee	W. W. Howard	Scottsboro, "	56		5		2			15	1	47	6	40	19	J. M. McIver, Scottsboro, Ala.	1 & 3		1 Revival	
Ship of Zion	" " "	M. Hill	S. S. Puryear	Hollywood, "	71	5	4					2		78				"	1		Revival	
Pleasant View	" " "	M. C. Dean	P. H. Wharton	Callahan, "		5	3							14				"	2		Revival	
Trenton	" " "	J. L. Jones	L. E. Smith	Trenton, "	43						1		1	41				"				
					1,453	76	26	1	2	2	58	27	17	17	1,086	27	225	147				

NOTE.—If this exhibit does not give a correct report of your churches it is the fault of the clerks of the churches. If it is a correct report as given in your letters. It is to be remembered that you letters furnish the material from which future history is to be drawn. Let the churches be sure to report in full the work done of which a proper minute can be made. Strive after as full and accurate a record as can be obtained. CLERK.

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# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF T

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Church Repairs.	Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Church
Beech Grove								
Bridgeport	\$2.41							
Bethel	3.50							
Centennial			\$ 1.95					
Cave Springs	1.15							
Center Point	4.00		6.65					
Freedom			30.00					
Friendship	11.60	9.51	9.51	\$5.00				
Gurley			47.59					
Harmony	3.05	1.00	5.75	1.00				
Hollywood	3.92		1.65					
Larkinsville	5.00							
Mt. Nebo			7.57					
Mt. Zion								
Mt. Tabor								
Mt. Pisgah	8.63		8.63					
Mt. Ararat								
Mt. Moriah								
New Hope	15							
Pleasant View			1.00					
Scottsboro			18.83	8.50				
Ship of Zion								
Trenton								
Pleasant Grove	4.25							
<i>Col. nat Union</i>	\$47.66	\$10.51	\$139.13	\$14.50				
			<del>10.63</del>	<del>2.25</del>				

NOTE.—This is as full and as accurate record as can be  
facts of each years work with sufficient fullness. CLERK.

# THE TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Buildings.	EDUCATIONAL.					Benevolence.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		Pastors Salary.	Current Expenses The Poor, etc.	Repairs. Fuel, etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture.
	College Buildings.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers.	Associat'n Purposes.			Sunday School Expenses.	Total.				
			\$ .85					\$ .85	\$ 22.45			\$ 600.00
			1.00					2.41				600.00
			1.10					4.50				550.00
								2.05	5.15			200.00
								1.15				400.00
			1.45				\$ 3.75	15.85	26.75			800.00
			1.50					31.50	50.00			1000.00
			2.00		\$5.01			42.63	60.00			500.00
			1.80				37.00	86.30	401.64	\$50.97	\$163.15	2750.00
			1.00				2.48	14.28	21.00			250.00
			1.00					6.57	11.50			500.00
								5.00				150.00
			1.85					9.42	75.00			450.00
			65					65				300.00
			75					75				150.00
			2.00		1.70	7.00		27.96	40.00	6.50	20.00	400.00
			50					50	7.50			500.00
												150.00
			1.00					1.15	16.50			300.00
			45					1.45				150.00
			1.50				9.29	38.12	200.57	27.66		1600.00
			75	\$ 7.50				8.25	12.50			200.00
			75					75				250.00
								4.25				
			\$21.50	\$7.50	\$6.71	\$59.52	\$306.10	\$951.56	\$85.13	\$183.15	\$12,450.00	

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